Plan period for the purpose. During 1995-96, an amount of Rs. 82 crores has been allocated for the programme.

Closure of Regional Offices in Kanpur and Hyderabad

*728. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to close two of its regional offices of the Development Commissioner for iron and steel in Kanpur and Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) In the context of deregulation and decontrol of steel industry, an exercise was carried out to redefine the role and responsibilities of the organisation of the Development Commissioner for Iron & Steel in the changed liberalised scenario and also to consider an appropriate organisational structure for discharge of these responsibilities in a cost effective manner. In pursuance of this, it was decided to rationalise the organisation by strengthening the 4 Regional Offices at Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta & Madras and close down the Regional Offices at Kanpur & Hyderabad.

Reduction in Budgetary Support in Sports

*729. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to reduce its role in development of sports in 1995-96;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have reduced budgetary support for sports in 1995-96;

(c) whether Sports Authority of India will also reduce its role; and

(d) the details of programmes in sports development which will be cut back?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, there has been a marginal reduction in the budgetary support for sports in 1995-96.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As a result of reduction in the budget, the grants to Sports Federations for various purposes such as holding of coaching camps, competition exposure to teams/sportspersons abroad, sports equipment etc. will be effected. There will also be curtailment in the intake under the schemes for nurturing of talent by the Sports Authority of India. It will become difficult to replace the synthetic surface in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and complete some of the on-going works of Sport Authority of India.

Service Centres in Trans-Yamuna Areas

730. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether nine sites were earmarked in Master Plan (MPD-2000) for service centres in Trans-Yamuna area of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the same have been encroached upon and illegally used as fish ponds etc.; and

(c) whether the proposal to raise appropriate service centres at these sites has been referred to Government for approval by the DDA (Delhi Development Authority) if so, at what stage the proposal stands, and by when service centres are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) Nine sites have been earmarked in MPD-2001 for